

This is not to say that Democrats should not engage in spirited primary contests for the choice of party nominees. Some of our most notable victories have come about after heated primary battles. But never unless the wounds of primary fights were allowed to heal and Democrats stood together under one banner in the general election which followed. The main purpose of this meeting here this evening is to lay the kind of foundation for the Democratic Party upon which it can go into the election of next year with the assurance that it will be sound, strong and united. It is my hope that local Democratic organizations throughout the State will adopt a similar plan and pursue a similar course. If they do, we have no cause for fear. The history of our party tells us that in such circumstances we are assured of victory.

I deeply appreciate the opportunity you have afforded me to attend this fund-raising dinner for the Democratic Party in Prince George's County. It has been a pleasure to have worked with you closely in the interest of our great Party, and it is my fervent hope that the relationship will continue in the future.

REMARKS, UNITED DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUBS OF
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Mrs. Fleming, Dr. Otenasek, Mrs. Ningard, Mrs. McNamara, Senator Brewster, Senator Tydings, Attorney General and Mrs. Finan, Comptroller and Mrs. Goldstein, Members of Congress, other public officials, distinguished guests and ladies and gentlemen:

Mrs. Tawes and I are delighted to once again have the opportunity of attending this 41st Annual Convention of the United Democratic Women's Clubs of Maryland not only because it reaffirms our belief in the strength and purpose of the Democratic Party but also because it presents us with a splendid opportunity to renew our ties with friends of long standing. As many of you know, I have been accorded the privilege of attending meetings here in Ocean City for more years that I care to remember and I am convinced that this annual get-together is the most firmly entrenched institution that the Maryland Democratic Party can claim. Even in off-years, this convention lures candidates and would-be candidates